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THE STANLEY STEAMER IS THE KING OF RACERS.

Opening Events of the Great 1906 Motor Tournament.

Crowds flocked to the beach at an early hour yesterday morning, to see the opening events of the great automobile races. The fact that it was raining kept few back. Those who wanted to see the races saw them, and judging from the expressions heard, everyone was satisfied.

It was fully twelve o'clock before all of the preliminary arrangements were completed. During the meantime some of the racing machines lined the beach in front of the Club House, and the deputies were kept busy putting people back within the bounds. Everyone was eager to get close to the great marvels, and in many instances officials and members of the association could be seen grouped, discussing the speed qualities and mechanism of the racers.

The grandstand recently erected, was not open, owing to the inclement weather and the wet condition of the sand. But the small stand in front of the Club House, on the platform, was in use, and during the races was filled with ladies, who seemed as much or more interested in the races as the men.

Today the association will place a wire in front of the large grandstand, which will clear the people from that vicinity, and give the patrons of the stand an unobstructed view of the course.

Automobiles galore were lined on the beach close to the sand hills, and there was no trouble experienced in keeping the race course clear of cars and people, after the events were over.

Expressions were heard on every side as to how smoothly things were in operation, and the general way in which affairs were carried on; every one assigned to duty seemed to have been trained to the work and there was not the least bit of friction.

The Club House during the entire day was filled with people who walked back and forth from the beach at intervals. The buffet did not do a rushing business.

SHIRT AND CUFF NOTES OF THE RACES.

H. L. Bowden's powerful private car makes a trip over the course each morning before the races are run, in order to make sure that there is no wreckage or dangerous places on the beach.

A. C. McMurtry had considerable trouble in operating his automatic gun used in connection with the timers, on account of the cartridges being swelled by the damp weather.

The elevated stand directly in front of the Club House is for members, and none others wearing blue or red badges will be admitted.

During the past few days the Florida East Coast Automobile Association have taken in fifty new members.

Referee Robert Lee Morrell, chairman of the Racing Board of the American Automobile Association, with headquarters in New York City, was on hand at the beginning of the races. He highly complimented the officials on their able management, and said that he considered that the races were being handled better than the Vanderbilt cup races.

Col. Frank M. Joyce, president of the Minneapolis Automobile Association, is certainly entitled to great credit, for bringing such a fine representation, and his action is worthy of emulation by other clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wilcox, who arrived here last night with the Minneapolis party, will remain here the balance of the winter. They will make their home at The Clarendon.

The public are especially warned to keep their dogs away from the racing beach, as the sheriff and his deputies will shoot them if found there.

All tickets for the grand stand at the beach must be procured there of Commodore J. H. Allen who is in charge of this feature.

The Minneapolis trophy is on exhibition at the home of President Asa Paine, on Ridgewood Avenue. It stands fully three feet in height, and is certainly exquisite. It is made of sterling silver.

The Vanderbilt car has not yet been weighed in.

PROGRAM FOR TODAY.

The races will commence today at eleven o'clock, starting from the Club House at the Daytona end of the Beach.

EVENT NO. 4.					
Five Miles Open Championship.					
No.	Owner.	Name of Machine.	Motive Power.	No. of H. P. Cyl. Wt.	Driver.
1	George W. Young	Stanley	Gasoline	110 4 2204	H. W. Fletcher
2	Stanley Motor Car Co.	Stanley	Gasoline	20-30 2	Marriot
3	S. F. Edge	Napier	Gasoline	80 6 2201	W. Clifford-Earp
7	Hollander & Tangeman	F. L. A. T.	Gasoline	110 4 2180	E. Cedrino
8	Hollander & Tangeman	F. L. A. T.	Gasoline	110 4 2180	V. Lancia
12	Alfred G. Vanderbilt	A. G. Vanderbilt	Gasoline	250 8 2201	Paul Sartori
20	A. Darracq & Co.	Darracq	Gasoline	200 8 2201	Hemery
21	A. L. Guinness	Darracq	Gasoline	100 4	A. L. Guinness
EVENT NO. 8.					
Five Mile Heavyweight Championship (Gasoline).					
1	George W. Young	F. L. A. T.	Gasoline	110 4 2204	H. W. Fletcher
4	S. F. Edge	Napier	Gasoline	80 6 2201	W. Clifford-Earp
7	Hollander & Tangeman	F. L. A. T.	Gasoline	110 4 2180	E. Cedrino
8	Hollander & Tangeman	F. L. A. T.	Gasoline	110 4 2180	V. Lancia
9	J. R. Harding	Harding	Gasoline	90 4 2190	Joe. Downey
12	Alfred G. Vanderbilt	A. G. Vanderbilt	Gasoline	250 8 2201	Paul Sartori
14	Walter Christie	Christie	Gasoline	110 4 2100	W. Christie
20	A. Darracq & Co.	Darracq	Gasoline	200 8 2201	Hemery
21	A. L. Guinness	Darracq	Gasoline	100 4	A. L. Guinness
EVENT NO. 11.					
Five Mile Middleweight Championship (Gasoline).					
6	Hollander & Tangeman	F. L. A. T.	Gasoline	21-30 4 1120	E. Cedrino
16	Wayne Auto Co.	Wayne	Gasoline	40-50 4 1100	D. D. Holmes
18	Reo Motor Car Co.	Reo	Gasoline	32 4 1132	Dan Wurgis
22	A. Darracq & Co.	Darracq	Gasoline	80 4	Hemery
EVENT NO. 14.					
Five Mile Championship.					
2	Stanley Motor Car Co.	Stanley	Steam	20-30 2	Marriot
EVENT NO. 18.					
Fifteen Miles Pace Handicap for American Touring Car—Fully Equipped.					
2	Stanley Motor Car Co.	Stanley	Steam	20-30 2	Marriot
11	J. E. Bristol	Standard Dayton	Gasoline	30 4 2100	J. E. Bristol
15	Stanley Motor Car Co.	Stanley	Steam	15-20 2	F. E. Stanley
16	Wayne Auto Co.	Wayne	Gasoline	40-50 4 1100	D. D. Holmes

HEMERY WITHDRAWS HIS DARRACQ RACERS.

A noticeable feature of yesterday's absence of the manager of the Darracq cars was the withdrawal of the Darracq cars. The smaller of the Darracq cars, when weighed, was found to be forty pounds over weight. This created an argument between the drivers of the cars and the management, and the former decided that they would return to the Hotel Ormond and not participate in the days events.

It is the prevailing impression in the out good and sufficient reason, and is liable to disbar Hemery for one year from all races in this country, and the disbarment, it is said, will certainly be confirmed by the Automobile Club of Italy, as there is a tacit understanding among the large clubs to that effect.

It may be that Hemery will reconsider the matter and be allowed to participate in the other events.

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World's Record Again Lowered on the Ormond-Daytona Beach.

Stanley's racing car made a mile on the beach shortly after noon yesterday in 32 1-5 seconds. This breaks all previous records and is an indication and belief that two miles a minute will be accomplished. Last year's record was done in 34 2-5 seconds, by McDonald on the Ormond-Daytona course. Bowden made a mile in 32 4-5 last year, but his machine was over weight and the record was never recognized. This race was for the Sir Thomas Dewar trophy.

The first heat was full of enthusiasm, and interest ran high. Stanley's car was nipped and tucked with the Fiat car, owned by George W. Young, and driven by H. W. Fletcher, when it passed the clubhouse, but it could be plainly seen that Marriot, driver of the king of racers, was just beginning to let out his machine at full speed. The Fiat car made the distance in 41 seconds, while the Napier finished the trip in 40 seconds.

In the second heat was Cedrino with his Fiat car numbered 7. He, however, covered the mile in 38 1-5 seconds, while the other Fiat car, driven by Lancia, and numbered 8 made the mile in 37 3-5 seconds. At the time the racers passed the Club House, Lancia was ahead by one length.

In third and final heat three cars were allowed to participate. Several attempts were made to get a start, but without success. Finally Stanley and Cedrino were off and the time was made in 33 seconds flat, with Stanley a winner. Cedrino covered the mile in 38 seconds one-fifth of a second less than what he made in the second heat. Lancia was supposed to participate in this heat, but he decided not to make the start.

A one-mile heavy-weight championship race for gasoline cars was the next event on the program.

Participants in this event were the Fiat 110-horsepower car, owned by George W. Young, and driven by H. W. Fletcher; Cedrino, with the other Fiat car, also 110 horsepower, and the Harding car, 90 horsepower, known as Daimler, and driven by Joseph Downey; Clifford-Earp, with his 80 horsepower Napier, and Lancia with the third of the Fiat cars, of 110 horsepower.

In the first heat the participants were Fletcher, who had the inside, and Cedrino held the pole. Harding had third position. The time made by Fletcher was 39 4-5 seconds, and Cedrino finished up in 39 3-5 seconds, winning out by the close margin and time of one fifth second. Harding ran last in the heat and no time in consequence was taken. Fletcher and Cedrino passed the Club House nipped and tucked and excitement at this stage ran high.

In the second heat, the starters were Edge, Lancia and Harding. The former covered the course in 43 3-5 seconds, while Lancia made the time in 42 seconds flat. Harding was again unfortunate, and his machine fell behind.

In the third and final heat Cedrino had the pole, Fletcher second position, with Lancia in third position. Fletcher covered the mile in great time, coming out victorious. His time was 32 3-5 seconds. Lancia did the mile in 37 seconds flat, while Cedrino was 100 feet in the rear at the finish. At the time they passed the clubhouse all three machines were abreast, and the crowds rushed forward to get a glimpse of the racers speeding down the course.

EVENT NO. 10.

The 1-mile middle weight championship, being event No. 10, came around in due course of time, but it was decided by the association to have this race pulled off later, as only two cars, the Reo Bird and Fiat Jr., had shown up. A trial heat was run, but no official time was taken.

A MILE IN 31 4-5 SECONDS.

In event No. 13 for the one mile championship, the Stanley racing car was the only car of importance that participated. This machine ran under very favorable conditions, and a mile was cleaned up in the fast time of 31 4-5 seconds. The other two Stanley cars participated in the event to make it a race, and that it may be officially recorded.

HOW THEY WILL BE RUN.

The wish of the officials of the automobile association is to run the 5-mile race, beginning at Ormond, if the wind and tide are favorable. If not, the races will start five miles south, and finish at the Club House, provided there is not a north wind blowing, and if such a wind prevails, the races will be run south from the Club House.

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